



Week 3

Sermon Series: Surrendered: Ruth, Hosea, Titus, Philemon, Jonah

Sermon Title: Bold Proposals—Pressing into God’s Blessing

Sermon Text: Ruth 3

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DOCTRINE: Redemption - Redemption is a word used to describe how Jesus has “purchased” us in the marketplace of sin in order to set us free from sin’s dreadful bondage. The story of Hosea’s purchase of Gomer in the Old Testament book by his name is a perfect example of the transaction (Hosea 3:1-2). Peter has the same concept in mind when he writes, “It was not with perishable things such as silver and gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect” (I Peter 1:18,19). His point is that we should therefore live as being Christ’s possession (Romans 6:22-23; I Corinthians 6:19-20; Ephesians 1:7).

ATTRIBUTE OF GOD: Holiness (Demonstrated by Integrity in Boaz and Ruth) God’s holiness is his infinite value as the absolutely unique, morally perfect, permanent person that he is and who by grace made himself accessible. -John Piper

DAY 1 Read: Ruth 3

1. What is your first impression of what is happening in Ruth 3?
2. What surprises you about this narrative?

DAY 2 Read: Ruth 3:1-9

1. Think more closely about the situations of each of the main characters (Naomi, Boaz, and Ruth) in chapter 3. Who of these people do you relate to the most? Explain why?
2. How do Naomi’s instructions to Ruth prepare her for an appropriate interaction with Boaz according to the culture and the duty of the kinsman redeemer?
3. When you look at Naomi’s instruction to Ruth and what Ruth actually said to Boaz, what is Ruth asking of Boaz, when she says, “spread the corner of your garment over me?”

DAY 3 Read: Ruth 3:9-13, Romans 3:21-26 Colossians 1:9-14

1. Boaz is referred to as a “guardian redeemer (NIV)”. Other Bible versions also call him a kinsman-redeemer. What is a kinsman-redeemer?
2. How is Jesus our Kinsman-Redeemer?

3. How does Boaz demonstrate his trust in God and integrity by consulting the closer guardian-redeemer before moving forward in a relationship with Ruth?
4. If there is a closer guardian-redeemer, why do you think Naomi and Ruth want Boaz to be that redeemer?

DAY 4 Read: Ruth 3:11-18

1. In verse 11, we understand that Ruth has a reputation of having noble character. What character traits has Ruth exhibited that have caused her to have this reputation?
2. Would your reputation demonstrate these same qualities in your daily life as a Christian? Which of these qualities could you improve on as you live out the Christian faith?

DAY 5 Read: Ruth 3

1. How do Boaz' actions model faith and trust in God?
2. How does Ruth 3 give us insight into trusting God in every situation?
3. Making plans is part of daily living. How can you apply what you've learned in Ruth 3 to your planning this week?